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Dear Parishioner,

This August, in the Archdiocese of Armagh, we celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first dedication of St Patrick's Cathedral which took place on 24 August 1873.

It is my great pleasure to invite you to take part in this celebration with the faith community of the Archdiocese of Armagh, the clergy and myself, representing the many generations who have passed through the doors of our Cathedral to worship and pray.

An outdoor Festival of Families will be taking place on Thursday, 24 August, in the Shambles Yard, Armagh, between 5.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m. and will include music and entertainment for all families throughout the diocese and beyond. Evening Prayer will take place afterwards in St Patrick's Cathedral at 7.30 p.m. Representatives of different groups and parishes from across the diocese will be involved. You are most welcome to attend both of these events.

To conclude our celebrations, on Sunday, 27 August, Cardinal Timothy Dolan, from St Patrick's Cathedral, New York, will join us as main celebrant and preacher at a Mass of Thanksgiving in the Cathedral at 11.00 a.m. The Mass will be a celebration, giving praise and thanks to God for the faith expressed within the Cathedral since it was first dedicated in 1873. Once again, I would be delighted if you could attend.

With every blessing and kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

*+ Eamon Martin*

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**Archbishop of Armagh**